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Letter dated 10 November 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 14 October 2005 (A/60/434-S/2005/654) addressed to you, I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the flight information region (FIR) of Nicosia and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded on 20, 21 and 28 September, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26 and 29 October and 1 and 2 November 2005, as follows:

On 20 September 2005, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before landing at the Kokkina pocket, from where it returned on the same day to the Krini airport.

On 21 September 2005, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 28 September 2005, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft and one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The Turkish military aircraft of unknown type took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied areas of Mesaoria, Ammochostos and Yialoussa, before returning to the same airport.

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On 3 October 2005, one Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Kyrenia before returning to the same airport.

On the same day, two formations of four F-16 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, twice violating international air traffic regulations.

On 4 October 2005, four F-16 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations.

On 6 October 2005, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied areas of Kyrenia, Karpasia and Mesaoria, before returning to the same airport.

On 10 October 2005, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou.

On 11 October 2005, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft and one formation of four F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The CN-235 Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Tymbou, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, carrying out an exercise flight over the maritime area of the occupied area of Kyrenia, before returning to the same airport;

(b) The formation of the four F-16 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 12 October 2005, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft and one C-130 Turkish military aircraft, violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The CN-235 Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Tymbou, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, carrying out an exercise flight over the maritime area of the occupied area of Kyrenia, before returning to the same airport;

(b) The C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed later towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 13 October 2005, two F-16 and two RF-4 Turkish military aircraft flying in one formation violated three times the international air traffic regulations and once the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus. Initially they entered the FIR of Nicosia from an easterly direction (FIR of Ankara) without prior notice, and then overflew perimetrically along the south coast of Cyprus at a distance of 17 nautical miles; the distance was reduced at 10 nautical miles over the Akrotiri area. The four Turkish aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Karpasia, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On the same day, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft carried out two violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) Initially, the CN-235 Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Tymbou, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, carrying out an exercise flight over the maritime area of the occupied area of Kyrenia;

(b) Upon completion of the exercise, the CN-235 Turkish military aircraft returned to the same airport, from where it later took off, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 14 October 2005, two F-16 and four RF-4 Turkish military aircraft, flying in one formation, carried out two violations of international air traffic regulations and two violations of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus. Initially they entered the FIR of Nicosia from the FIR of Ankara without prior notice and then overflew perimetrically along the south coast of Cyprus at a distance of 14 nautical miles and at 10 nautical miles, while approaching the Akrotiri area. The same formation of Turkish military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus flying near the Akrotiri area and over the occupied area of Karpasia, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara. In both the aforementioned incidents, the Turkish military aircraft did not make contact with the Nicosia flight control, nor did they submit flight plans to the competent authorities or requested for the appropriate clearance permission.

On 16 October 2005, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations, before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 17 October 2005, one BE-20 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 19 October 2005, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 21 October 2005, four F-16 Turkish military aircraft coming in one formation, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations.

On 24 October 2005, four F-16 Turkish military aircraft coming in one formation, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations.

On 26 October 2005, two F-16 Turkish military aircraft coming in one formation, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations.

On the same day, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 29 October 2005, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Kyrenia, before returning to the same airport.

On 1 November 2005, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before returning to the same airport.

On the same day, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft and four F-16 Turkish military aircraft coming in one formation violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria, before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The formation of F-16 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations, before exiting towards a westerly direction.

On 2 November 2005, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, before landing at the Kokkina pocket, from where it returned on the same day to the same airport.

On behalf of my Government I strongly protest the aforementioned violations, which gravely jeopardize the safety of the international civil aviation and constitute serious breaches of international legality and actions against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Cyprus, and call for their immediate cessation. While expecting Turkey to fulfil its Cyprus's related obligations that arise from its agreements with the European Union, as well as from international law, what we witness is that Turkey remains engaged in its well-known anachronistic policy on Cyprus which aims at the consolidation of the existing division of the island and the promotion of its subordinate local administration. We regret that in the course of carrying out this policy, Turkey does not hesitate to place at stake the peace and stability of the region and further complicate the process for the resumption of negotiations on the Cyprus issue.

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 19, and of the Security Council.

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